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October 2009 Employment at a glance:

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• Unemployed:	1,100
• Unemployment rate:	6.3%
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Figures From Across Canada—October 2009

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Canada	16,794,800	1,587,400	8.6%
Newfoundland & Labrador	212,600	43,400	17.0%
P.E.I.	70,600	9,600	12.0%
Nova Scotia	453,300	46,700	9.3%
New Brunswick	369,400	34,200	8.5%
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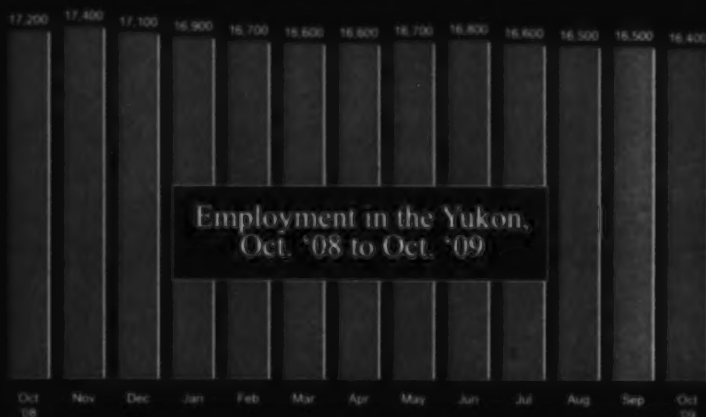
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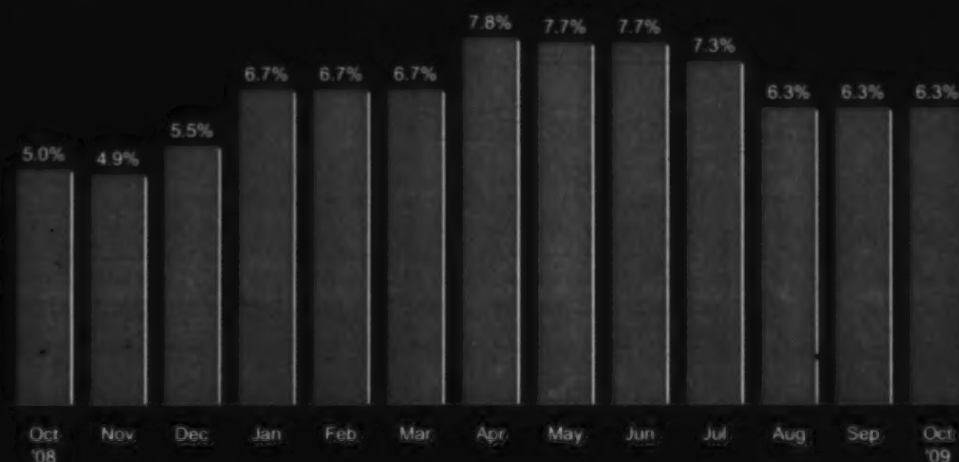
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Yukon's Unemployment Rate



The unemployment rate remained relatively low through the end of 2008, increased in the first part of 2009 and has begun to drop in last three months. The following changes have occurred on a month-to-month basis:

	Percentage points*
2009 • September to October	0.0
• August to September	0.0
• July to August	-1.0
• June to July	-0.4
• May to June	0.0
• April to May	-0.1
• March to April	1.1
• February to March	0.0
• January to February	0.0
2008 • Dec. '08 to Jan. '09	1.2
• November to December	0.6
• October to November	-0.1
• September to October	0.0

* percentage point is the actual numerical difference between two percentages, such as: $10\% - 8\% = 2$ percentage points.

What is the unemployment rate, and how is it calculated?

The unemployment rate shows the relationship between the number of unemployed and the labour force. The labour force includes those individuals 15 years of age and older who are either employed or unemployed but looking for work. The higher the value of the unemployment rate, the greater the number of individuals unemployed as compared to the labour force.

The survey that estimates the Yukon's unemployment rate, the Labour Force Survey (LFS), has undergone survey redesign so comparable data is only available back to 1995.

Over the last 15 years the average unemployment rate for October has been 8.5%.

Looking at the change in the unemployment rate between September and October in previous years, the rate has risen 4 times, fallen 7 times and stayed the same 4 times since 1995.

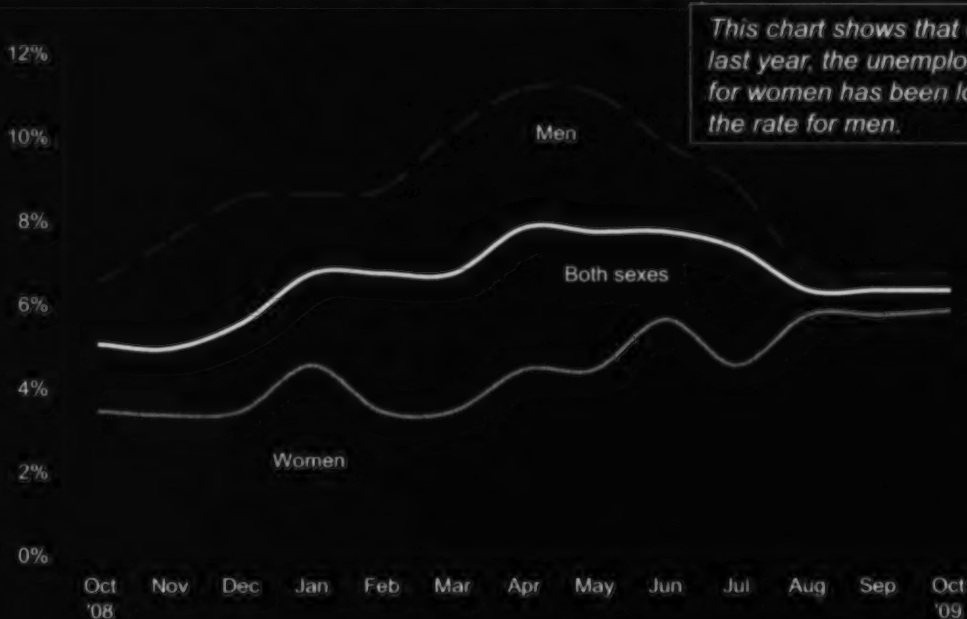
	September	October	Change
2009	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%
2008	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
2007	5.8%	5.1%	-0.7%
2006	5.1%	4.0%	-1.1%
2005	5.2%	4.6%	-0.6%
2004	6.2%	5.6%	-0.6%
2003	10.0%	10.6%	0.6%
2002	8.4%	9.5%	1.1%
2001	10.7%	10.1%	-0.6%
2000	11.4%	10.9%	-0.5%
1999	10.6%	12.9%	2.3%
1998	10.7%	10.9%	0.2%
1997	13.7%	12.6%	-1.1%
1996	9.7%	9.7%	0.0%
1995	10.2%	10.2%	0.0%
Average 1995 to 2009	8.6%	8.5%	-0.1

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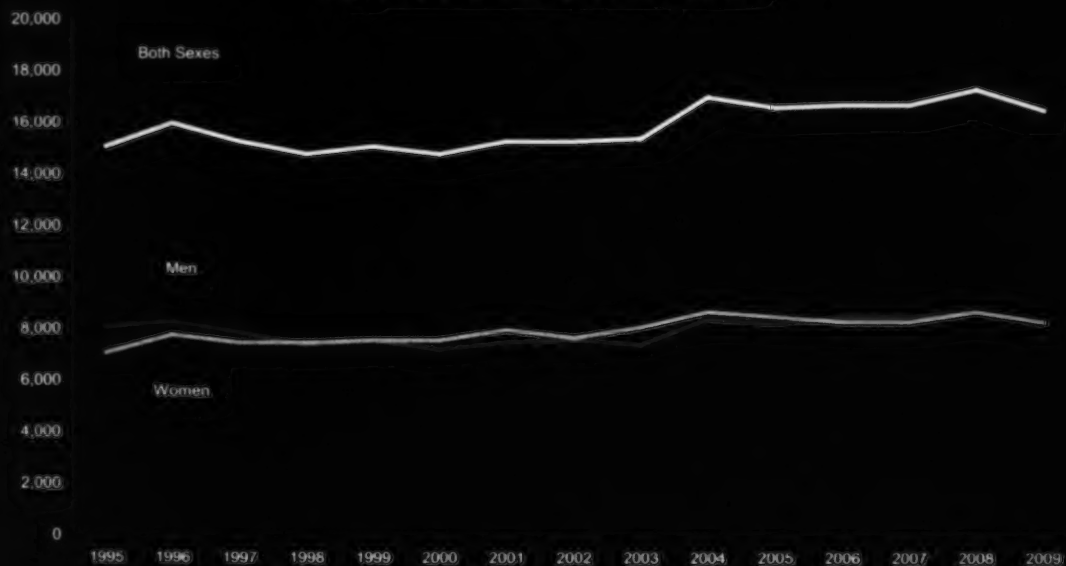
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		Labour Force			Employed			Unemployed		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2009	Oct	17,500	8,900	8,600	16,400	8,200	8,200	1,100	600	500
	Sep	17,600	9,000	8,700	16,500	8,300	8,200	1,100	600	500
	Aug	17,600	8,900	8,700	16,500	8,300	8,200	1,100	600	500
	Jul	17,900	9,100	8,800	16,600	8,300	8,400	1,300	800	400
	Jun	18,200	9,200	9,000	16,800	8,300	8,600	1,400	900	500
	May	18,100	9,100	9,100	16,700	8,000	8,700	1,400	1,000	400
	Apr	18,000	9,000	9,000	16,600	8,000	8,700	1,400	1,000	400
	Mar	17,900	9,000	8,900	16,600	8,100	8,500	1,200	900	300
	Feb	17,900	9,200	8,700	16,700	8,300	8,400	1,200	800	300
	Jan	18,000	9,300	8,600	16,900	8,500	8,400	1,200	800	400
2008	Dec	18,200	9,400	8,800	17,100	8,600	8,600	1,000	800	300
	Nov	18,300	9,300	9,000	17,400	8,600	8,800	900	700	300
	Oct	18,100	9,200	8,900	17,200	8,600	8,600	900	600	300
2007	Oct	17,500	8,900	8,600	16,600	8,400	8,200	900	500	500
2006	Oct	17,300	8,900	8,400	16,600	8,400	8,200	700	600	200
2005	Oct	17,400	8,800	8,600	16,500	8,100	8,400	800	600	200
2004	Oct	18,000	8,900	9,100	16,900	8,300	8,600	1,000	600	500
2003	Oct	17,000	8,400	8,600	15,300	7,300	8,000	1,800	1,200	600
2002	Oct	16,800	8,500	8,300	15,200	7,500	7,600	1,600	1,000	600
2001	Oct	16,900	8,500	8,300	15,200	7,400	7,900	1,700	1,200	500
2000	Oct	16,500	8,300	8,100	14,700	7,100	7,500	1,800	1,200	600
1999	Oct	17,100	8,800	8,300	15,000	7,500	7,500	2,200	1,400	800
1998	Oct	16,500	8,400	8,100	14,700	7,300	7,400	1,800	1,100	700
1997	Oct	17,400	9,200	8,200	15,200	7,800	7,400	2,200	1,400	700
1996	Oct	17,600	9,100	8,400	15,900	8,200	7,700	1,700	1,000	700
1995	Oct	16,600	9,000	7,600	15,000	8,000	7,000	1,700	1,000	600
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		17,200	8,800	8,400	15,800	7,900	7,900	1,500	900	500

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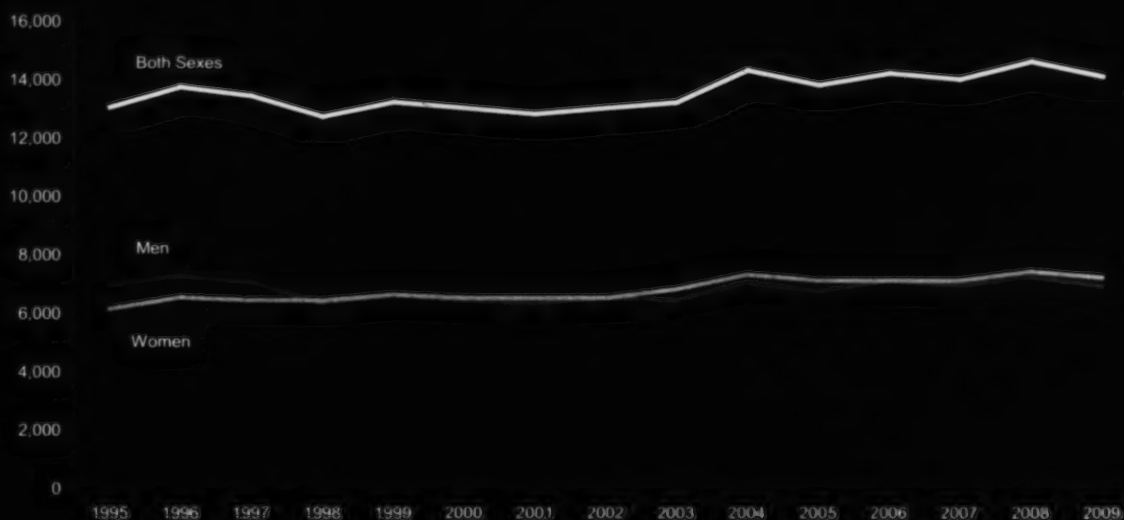


Yukon's Labour Force, Aged 25 and Over

		Labour Force			Employed			Unemployed		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2009	Oct	14,900	7,400	7,500	14,100	6,900	7,200	800	500	400
	Sep	15,200	7,600	7,600	14,300	7,100	7,200	900	500	400
	Aug	15,100	7,500	7,600	14,300	7,100	7,200	800	400	400
	Jul	15,300	7,600	7,700	14,400	7,100	7,300	900	500	400
	Jun	15,500	7,700	7,800	14,500	7,000	7,400	1,100	700	400
	May	15,600	7,800	7,900	14,500	7,000	7,500	1,100	800	300
	Apr	15,500	7,700	7,800	14,500	6,900	7,500	1,000	700	300
	Mar	15,300	7,600	7,700	14,400	7,000	7,400	800	600	200
	Feb	15,200	7,600	7,600	14,300	7,000	7,300	800	600	200
	Jan	15,200	7,600	7,600	14,300	7,000	7,300	900	600	300
2008	Dec	15,300	7,700	7,600	14,500	7,100	7,400	900	600	200
	Nov	15,400	7,700	7,700	14,700	7,200	7,500	700	500	200
	Oct	15,200	7,600	7,600	14,600	7,200	7,400	600	400	200
2007	Oct	14,600	7,200	7,400	14,000	6,900	7,100	700	300	400
2006	Oct	14,700	7,400	7,200	14,200	7,100	7,100	400	300	*
2005	Oct	14,500	7,200	7,300	13,800	6,700	7,100	700	500	200
2004	Oct	15,100	7,500	7,600	14,300	7,000	7,300	800	400	400
2003	Oct	14,400	7,100	7,300	13,200	6,400	6,800	1,200	800	400
2002	Oct	14,100	7,200	6,900	13,000	6,500	6,500	1,100	800	400
2001	Oct	14,100	7,200	6,900	12,800	6,300	6,500	1,300	900	400
2000	Oct	14,400	7,400	7,000	13,000	6,400	6,500	1,400	1,000	400
1999	Oct	14,700	7,600	7,100	13,200	6,600	6,600	1,500	1,000	500
1998	Oct	14,200	7,300	6,900	12,700	6,300	6,400	1,500	1,000	500
1997	Oct	14,900	7,900	6,900	13,400	7,000	6,400	1,400	900	500
1996	Oct	14,800	7,900	6,900	13,700	7,200	6,500	1,200	700	500
1995	Oct	14,200	7,700	6,500	13,000	6,900	6,100	1,200	800	400
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		14,600	7,400	7,100	13,500	6,800	6,800	1,100	700	400

* Suppressed for confidentiality reasons (See explanation on page 11)

Number of Employed for October, Aged 25 and over, 1995 to 2009



Yukon's Unemployment Rate

		15 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)			25 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2009	Oct	6.3	6.7	5.8	5.4	6.8	5.3
	Sep	6.3	6.7	5.7	5.9	6.6	5.3
	Aug	6.3	6.7	5.7	5.3	5.3	5.3
	Jul	7.3	8.8	4.5	5.9	6.6	5.2
	Jun	7.7	9.8	5.6	7.1	9.1	5.1
	May	7.7	11.0	4.4	7.1	10.3	3.8
	Apr	7.8	11.1	4.4	6.5	9.1	3.8
	Mar	6.7	10.0	3.4	5.2	7.9	2.6
	Feb	6.7	8.7	3.4	5.3	7.9	2.6
	Jan	6.7	8.6	4.5	5.9	7.9	3.9
2008	Dec	5.5	8.5	3.4	5.9	7.8	2.6
	Nov	4.9	7.5	3.3	4.5	6.5	2.6
	Oct	5.0	6.5	3.4	3.9	5.3	2.6
2007	Oct	5.1	5.6	5.8	4.8	4.2	5.4
2006	Oct	4.0	6.7	2.4	2.7	4.1	*
2005	Oct	4.6	6.8	2.3	4.8	6.9	2.7
2004	Oct	5.6	6.7	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.3
2003	Oct	10.6	14.3	7.0	8.3	11.3	5.5
2002	Oct	9.5	11.8	7.2	7.8	11.1	5.8
2001	Oct	10.1	14.1	6.0	9.2	12.5	5.8
2000	Oct	10.9	14.5	7.4	9.7	13.5	5.7
1999	Oct	12.9	15.9	9.6	10.2	13.2	7.0
1998	Oct	10.9	13.1	8.6	10.6	13.7	7.2
1997	Oct	12.6	15.2	8.5	9.4	11.4	7.2
1996	Oct	9.7	11.0	8.3	8.1	8.9	7.2
1995	Oct	10.2	11.1	7.9	8.5	10.4	6.2
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		8.5	10.7	6.4	7.2	9.2	5.6

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Yukon's Employment - seasonally unadjusted figures

A word about "adjusted" vs. "unadjusted"

The statistics on the next 5 pages are "seasonally unadjusted," as opposed to the figures on pages 1 through 6, which are "seasonally adjusted."

"Seasonally adjusted" refers to the technique of adjusting the "raw" figures to remove seasonal movements (see page 12 for further explanation). As such, "seasonally adjusted" employment figures are widely used and quoted, as they are considered to be a more accurate picture of the current employment situation than the "raw" or "unadjusted" figures.

Some of the variables mentioned in the next 5 pages are available only in the "unadjusted" format, while others are available both as "adjusted" and "unadjusted." Comparisons between the "adjusted" and "unadjusted" series should not be made.

Yukon's Labour Force Characteristics (unadjusted)

		Labour			Not in	Unemployment		
		Force	Employed	Unemployed	Labour	Rate	Participation	Employment
					Force	%		
2009	Oct	17,700	16,700	1,000	6,600	5.6	72.8	68.7
	Sep	18,000	17,000	1,000	6,200	5.6	74.4	70.2
	Aug	18,000	17,000	1,000	6,200	5.6	74.4	70.2
	Jul	18,200	17,000	1,200	6,000	6.6	75.2	70.2
	Jun	18,200	16,800	1,400	6,000	7.7	75.2	69.4
	May	18,000	16,500	1,400	6,200	7.8	74.7	68.5
	Apr	17,700	16,300	1,400	6,400	7.9	73.4	67.6
	Mar	17,500	16,300	1,200	6,600	6.9	72.6	67.6
	Feb	17,400	16,200	1,200	6,600	6.9	72.2	67.2
	Jan	17,500	16,300	1,200	6,500	6.9	72.9	67.9
2008	Dec	18,000	16,900	1,100	5,900	6.1	75.3	70.7
	Nov	18,300	17,400	900	5,600	4.9	76.6	72.8
	Oct	18,400	17,500	800	5,500	4.3	77.3	73.5
2007	Oct	17,600	16,800	900	5,700	5.1	75.2	71.8
2006	Oct	17,500	16,900	700	6,000	4.0	74.2	71.6
2005	Oct	17,500	16,700	800	5,900	4.6	74.5	71.1
2004	Oct	18,200	17,200	900	5,400	4.9	77.1	72.9
2003	Oct	17,200	15,500	1,700	5,700	9.9	75.1	67.7
2002	Oct	17,000	15,600	1,400	5,100	8.2	76.9	70.6
2001	Oct	17,000	15,500	1,400	4,700	8.2	78.3	71.4
2000	Oct	16,600	15,000	1,500	5,100	9.0	76.5	69.1
1999	Oct	17,300	15,400	1,900	4,500	11.0	79.4	70.6
1998	Oct	16,700	15,200	1,500	5,100	9.0	76.6	69.7
1997	Oct	17,500	15,700	1,900	4,500	10.9	79.2	71.0
1996	Oct	17,800	16,400	1,400	4,100	7.9	81.3	74.9
1995	Oct	16,900	15,500	1,400	4,000	8.3	80.9	74.2
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		17,400	16,100	1,300	5,200	7.4	77.0	71.3

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Full-time and Part-time Employment

		Total Employed	Full-time	% of all employed	Part-time	% of all employed
2009	Oct	16,700	14,600	87.4%	2,100	12.6%
	Sep	17,000	15,000	88.2%	2,000	11.8%
	Aug	17,000	15,100	88.8%	2,000	11.8%
	Jul	17,000	14,900	87.6%	2,100	12.4%
	Jun	16,800	14,500	86.3%	2,300	13.7%
	May	16,500	14,200	86.1%	2,300	13.9%
	Apr	16,300	13,900	85.3%	2,400	14.7%
	Mar	16,300	13,900	85.3%	2,400	14.7%
	Feb	16,200	13,700	84.6%	2,500	15.4%
	Jan	16,300	13,900	85.3%	2,400	14.7%
2008	Dec	16,900	14,600	86.4%	2,400	14.2%
	Nov	17,400	15,100	86.8%	2,300	13.2%
	Oct	17,500	15,300	87.4%	2,200	12.6%
2007	Oct	16,800	14,300	85.1%	2,500	14.9%
2006	Oct	16,900	14,300	84.6%	2,600	15.4%
2005	Oct	16,700	14,200	85.0%	2,600	15.6%
2004	Oct	17,200	14,800	86.0%	2,500	14.5%
2003	Oct	15,500	13,200	85.2%	2,300	14.8%
2002	Oct	15,600	13,200	84.6%	2,400	15.4%
2001	Oct	15,500	13,000	83.9%	2,500	16.1%
2000	Oct	15,000	12,200	81.3%	2,800	18.7%
1999	Oct	15,400	12,600	81.8%	2,800	18.2%
1998	Oct	15,200	12,800	84.2%	2,400	15.8%
1997	Oct	15,700	13,200	84.1%	2,400	15.3%
1996	Oct	16,400	14,000	85.4%	2,400	14.6%
1995	Oct	15,500	13,400	86.5%	2,100	13.5%
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		16,100	13,700	85.1%	2,400	14.9%

Employment in Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Employed	Goods- Producing Industries	Service- Producing Industries			Total Employed	Goods- Producing Industries	Service- Producing Industries
2009	Oct	16,700	2,500	14,200	2007	Oct	16,800	2,900	13,800
	Sep	17,000	2,800	14,200	2006	Oct	16,900	2,500	14,300
	Aug	17,000	2,900	14,100	2005	Oct	16,700	2,200	14,600
	Jul	17,000	2,800	14,200	2004	Oct	17,200	2,100	15,200
	Jun	16,800	2,700	14,000	2003	Oct	15,500	1,700	13,900
	May	16,500	2,500	14,000	2002	Oct	15,600	2,200	13,400
	Apr	16,300	2,300	14,000	2001	Oct	15,500	2,000	13,600
	Mar	16,300	2,400	13,800	2000	Oct	15,000	1,900	13,100
	Feb	16,200	2,400	13,800	1999	Oct	15,400	1,800	13,600
	Jan	16,300	2,400	13,900	1998	Oct	15,200	2,000	13,200
2008	Dec	16,900	2,600	14,400	1997	Oct	15,700	2,600	13,100
	Nov	17,400	2,800	14,600	1996	Oct	16,400	3,000	13,400
	Oct	17,500	3,200	14,400	1995	Oct	15,500	2,800	12,700
					Average Oct 1995 to 2009				
							16,100	2,400	13,800

Public and Private Sector Employment

		Total Employed	Public Sector*	Private Sector		
			Employees	Employees	Self-Employed	Total Private Sector
2009	Oct	16,700	7,000	7,600	2,100	9,700
	Sep	17,000	7,000	7,800	2,200	10,000
	Aug	17,000	7,100	7,800	2,100	9,900
	Jul	17,000	7,100	7,600	2,200	9,800
	Jun	16,800	7,000	7,500	2,300	9,800
	May	16,500	6,900	7,300	2,300	9,600
	Apr	16,300	7,000	7,100	2,200	9,300
	Mar	16,300	7,100	7,200	2,000	9,200
	Feb	16,200	7,000	7,200	2,000	9,200
	Jan	16,300	6,900	7,400	2,100	9,500
2008	Dec	16,900	6,900	7,900	2,200	10,100
	Nov	17,400	6,900	8,200	2,300	10,500
	Oct	17,500	6,900	8,300	2,400	10,700
2007	Oct	16,800	6,400	7,900	2,500	10,400
2006	Oct	16,900	6,000	7,700	3,200	10,900
2005	Oct	16,700	6,400	7,600	2,800	10,400
2004	Oct	17,200	6,300	7,900	3,000	10,900
2003	Oct	15,500	5,500	7,200	2,800	10,000
2002	Oct	15,600	5,700	7,300	2,500	9,800
2001	Oct	15,500	6,500	6,400	2,600	9,000
2000	Oct	15,000	6,400	5,700	2,900	8,600
1999	Oct	15,400	5,800	6,300	3,200	9,500
1998	Oct	15,200	6,000	6,800	2,400	9,200
1997	Oct	15,700	6,000	7,400	2,300	9,700
1996	Oct	16,400	5,800	8,000	2,600	10,600
1995	Oct	15,500	5,400	7,200	2,900	10,100
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		16,100	6,100	7,300	2,700	10,000

* Includes Federal, Territorial, Municipal, and First Nation Band Office employment.

Labour Force

		By age			By sex & age				% Change Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009	
					Men		Women			
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+		
2009	Oct	17,700	2,600	15,100	9,100	7,600	8,600	7,500	Both	
	Sep	18,000	2,700	15,300	9,300	7,700	8,700	7,600	15+	-3.8%
	Aug	18,000	2,800	15,200	9,300	7,600	8,800	7,500	15-24	-13.3%
	Jul	18,200	2,900	15,300	9,400	7,700	8,800	7,600	25+	-1.9%
	Jun	18,200	2,700	15,500	9,200	7,800	9,000	7,700		
	May	18,000	2,400	15,600	9,000	7,700	9,000	7,800		
	Apr	17,700	2,300	15,400	8,700	7,600	9,000	7,800	Men	
	Mar	17,500	2,400	15,100	8,700	7,400	8,800	7,700	15+	-3.2%
	Feb	17,400	2,500	14,900	8,800	7,400	8,600	7,500	25+	-1.3%
	Jan	17,500	2,500	15,000	8,900	7,400	8,600	7,500		
2008	Dec	18,000	2,700	15,300	9,200	7,700	8,800	7,700	Women	
	Nov	18,300	2,700	15,600	9,300	7,700	9,000	7,800	15+	-4.4%
	Oct	18,400	3,000	15,400	9,400	7,700	9,000	7,700	25+	-2.6%

Public and Private Sector Employment

			Public Sector*	Private Sector		
		Total Employed	Employees	Employees	Self- Employed	Total Private Sector
2009	Oct	16,700	7,000	7,600	2,100	9,700
	Sep	17,000	7,000	7,800	2,200	10,000
	Aug	17,000	7,100	7,800	2,100	9,900
	Jul	17,000	7,100	7,600	2,200	9,800
	Jun	16,800	7,000	7,500	2,300	9,800
	May	16,500	6,900	7,300	2,300	9,600
	Apr	16,300	7,000	7,100	2,200	9,300
	Mar	16,300	7,100	7,200	2,000	9,200
	Feb	16,200	7,000	7,200	2,000	9,200
Jan	16,300	6,900	7,400	2,100	9,500	
2008	Dec	16,900	6,900	7,900	2,200	10,100
	Nov	17,400	6,900	8,200	2,300	10,500
	Oct	17,500	6,900	8,300	2,400	10,700
2007	Oct	16,800	6,400	7,900	2,500	10,400
2006	Oct	16,900	6,000	7,700	3,200	10,900
2005	Oct	16,700	6,400	7,600	2,800	10,400
2004	Oct	17,200	6,300	7,900	3,000	10,900
2003	Oct	15,500	5,500	7,200	2,800	10,000
2002	Oct	15,600	5,700	7,300	2,500	9,800
2001	Oct	15,500	6,500	6,400	2,600	9,000
2000	Oct	15,000	6,400	5,700	2,900	8,600
1999	Oct	15,400	5,800	6,300	3,200	9,500
1998	Oct	15,200	6,000	6,800	2,400	9,200
1997	Oct	15,700	6,000	7,400	2,300	9,700
1996	Oct	16,400	5,800	8,000	2,600	10,600
1995	Oct	15,500	5,400	7,200	2,900	10,100
Average Oct 1995 to 2009		16,100	6,100	7,300	2,700	10,000

* Includes Federal, Territorial, Municipal, and First Nation Band Office employment

Labour Force

		By age			By sex & age				% Change Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009	
					Men		Women			
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+		
2009	Oct	17,700	2,600	15,100	9,100	7,600	8,600	7,500	Both	
	Sep	18,000	2,700	15,300	9,300	7,700	8,700	7,600	15+	-3.8%
	Aug	18,000	2,800	15,200	9,300	7,600	8,800	7,500	15-24	-13.3%
	Jul	18,200	2,900	15,300	9,400	7,700	8,800	7,600	25+	-1.9%
	Jun	18,200	2,700	15,500	9,200	7,800	9,000	7,700		
	May	18,000	2,400	15,600	9,000	7,700	9,000	7,800		
	Apr	17,700	2,300	15,400	8,700	7,600	9,000	7,800	Men	
	Mar	17,500	2,400	15,100	8,700	7,400	8,800	7,700	15+	-3.2%
	Feb	17,400	2,500	14,900	8,800	7,400	8,600	7,500	25+	-1.3%
	Jan	17,500	2,500	15,000	8,900	7,400	8,600	7,500		
2008	Dec	18,000	2,700	15,300	9,200	7,700	8,800	7,700	Women	
	Nov	18,300	2,700	15,600	9,300	7,700	9,000	7,800	15+	-4.4%
	Oct	18,400	3,000	15,400	9,400	7,700	9,000	7,700	25+	-2.6%

Employed

		By age			By sex & age				% Change Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009	
					Men		Women			
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+		
2009	Oct	16,700	2,400	14,300	8,500	7,200	8,200	7,200	Both	
	Sep	17,000	2,500	14,500	8,700	7,300	8,300	7,200		
	Aug	17,000	2,500	14,500	8,800	7,300	8,300	7,200		
	Jul	17,000	2,500	14,500	8,600	7,200	8,400	7,200	15+	-4.6%
	Jun	16,800	2,400	14,400	8,300	7,000	8,500	7,300	15-24	-11.1%
	May	16,500	2,100	14,400	7,900	6,900	8,600	7,500	25+	-3.4%
	Apr	16,300	2,000	14,300	7,700	6,800	8,600	7,500		
	Mar	16,300	2,000	14,300	7,800	6,900	8,400	7,400	Men	
	Feb	16,200	2,100	14,100	7,900	6,800	8,300	7,300	15+	-3.4%
	Jan	16,300	2,300	14,000	8,100	6,800	8,200	7,200	25+	-2.7%
2008	Dec	16,900	2,500	14,400	8,400	7,000	8,600	7,400	Women	
	Nov	17,400	2,600	14,800	8,600	7,200	8,800	7,600	15+	-5.7%
	Oct	17,500	2,700	14,800	8,800	7,400	8,700	7,400	25+	-2.7%

Participation Rate

Change (% points) Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009				By age			By sex & age			
							Men		Women	
							15+	25+	15+	25+
							15+	15-24	25+	15+
				-----%			-----%			
Both		2009	Oct	72.8	61.9	75.1	75.2	76.8	70.5	73.5
15+	-4.5		Sep	74.4	64.3	76.5	76.9	77.8	71.9	75.2
15-24	-7.9		Aug	74.4	65.1	76.0	76.9	76.8	72.7	74.3
25+	-3.9		Jul	75.2	67.4	76.9	77.7	78.6	72.7	75.2
			Jun	75.2	62.8	77.9	76.0	79.6	74.4	76.2
Men			May	74.7	55.8	78.4	74.4	78.6	74.4	78.0
15+	-3.8		Apr	73.4	53.5	77.8	71.9	77.6	74.4	78.0
25+	-3.4		Mar	72.6	55.8	76.3	72.5	75.5	72.7	77.0
Women			Feb	72.2	58.1	75.6	73.3	76.3	71.7	75.0
15+	-5.1		Jan	72.9	58.1	76.1	74.2	76.3	71.7	75.0
25+	-4.3	2008	Dec	75.3	62.8	78.1	76.7	79.4	73.3	77.8
			Nov	76.6	62.8	79.6	78.2	79.4	75.6	78.8
			Oct	77.3	69.8	79.0	79.0	80.2	75.6	77.8

Employment Rate

		By age			By sex & age				Change (% points)	
					Men		Women		Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009	
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+		
		-----%			-----%		-----%			
2009	Oct	68.7	57.1	71.1	70.2	72.7	67.2	70.6	Both	
	Sep	70.2	59.5	72.5	71.9	73.7	68.6	71.3	15+	-4.8
	Aug	70.2	58.1	72.5	72.7	73.7	68.6	71.3	15-24	-5.7
	Jul	70.2	58.1	72.9	71.1	73.5	69.4	71.3	25+	-4.8
	Jun	69.4	55.8	72.4	68.6	71.4	70.2	72.3		
	May	68.5	48.8	72.4	65.3	70.4	71.1	75.0		
	Apr	67.6	46.5	72.2	63.6	69.4	71.1	75.0	Men	
	Mar	67.6	46.5	72.2	65.0	70.4	69.4	74.0	15+	-3.7
	Feb	67.2	48.8	71.6	65.8	70.1	69.2	73.0	25+	-4.4
	Jan	67.9	53.5	71.1	67.5	70.1	68.3	72.0	Women	
2008	Dec	70.7	58.1	73.5	70.0	72.2	71.7	74.7	15+	-5.9
	Nov	72.8	60.5	75.5	72.3	74.2	73.9	76.8	25+	-4.1
	Oct	73.5	62.8	75.9	73.9	77.1	73.1	74.7		

Employed

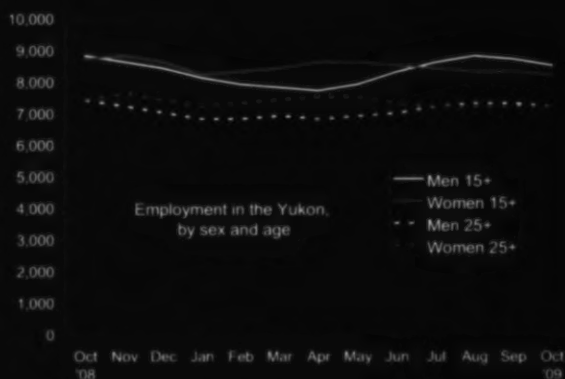
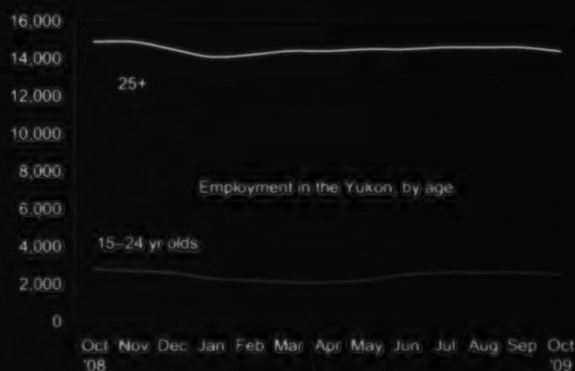
		By age			By sex & age				% Change Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009	
		15+	15-24	25+	Men		Women			
					15+	25+	15+	25+		
2009	Oct	16,700	2,400	14,300	8,500	7,200	8,200	7,200	Both	
	Sep	17,000	2,500	14,500	8,700	7,300	8,300	7,200		
	Aug	17,000	2,500	14,500	8,800	7,300	8,300	7,200		15+ -4.6%
	Jul	17,000	2,500	14,500	8,600	7,200	8,400	7,200	15-24 11.1%	
	Jun	16,800	2,400	14,400	8,300	7,000	8,500	7,300	25+ -3.4%	
	May	16,500	2,100	14,400	7,900	6,900	8,600	7,500		
	Apr	16,300	2,000	14,300	7,700	6,800	8,600	7,500		
	Mar	16,300	2,000	14,300	7,800	6,900	8,400	7,400	Men	
	Feb	16,200	2,100	14,100	7,900	6,800	8,300	7,300	15+ -3.4%	
	Jan	16,300	2,300	14,000	8,100	6,800	8,200	7,200	25+ -2.7%	
2008	Dec	16,900	2,500	14,400	8,400	7,000	8,600	7,400	Women	
	Nov	17,400	2,600	14,800	8,600	7,200	8,800	7,600	15+ -5.7%	
	Oct	17,500	2,700	14,800	8,800	7,400	8,700	7,400	25+ -2.7%	

Participation Rate

Change (% points) Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009			By age			By sex & age			
						Men		Women	
			15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
			-----%			-----%			
Both 15+ -4.5 15-24 -7.9 25+ -3.9 Men 15+ -3.8 25+ -3.4 Women 15+ -5.1 25+ -4.3	2009	Oct	72.8	61.9	75.1	75.2	76.8	70.5	73.5
		Sep	74.4	64.3	76.5	76.9	77.8	71.9	75.2
		Aug	74.4	65.1	76.0	76.9	76.8	72.7	74.3
		Jul	75.2	67.4	76.9	77.7	78.6	72.7	75.2
		Jun	75.2	62.8	77.9	76.0	79.6	74.4	76.2
		May	74.7	55.8	78.4	74.4	78.6	74.4	78.0
		Apr	73.4	53.5	77.8	71.9	77.6	74.4	78.0
		Mar	72.6	55.8	76.3	72.5	75.5	72.7	77.0
		Feb	72.2	58.1	75.6	73.3	76.3	71.7	75.0
		Jan	72.9	58.1	76.1	74.2	76.3	71.7	75.0
	2008	Dec	75.3	62.8	78.1	76.7	79.4	73.3	77.8
		Nov	76.6	62.8	79.6	78.2	79.4	75.6	78.8
		Oct	77.3	69.8	79.0	79.0	80.2	75.6	77.8

Employment Rate

		By age			By sex & age				Change (% points) Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009		
		15+	15-24	25+	Men		Women				
					15+	25+	15+	25+			
		-----%			-----%						
2009	Oct	68.7	57.1	71.1	70.2	72.7		67.2	70.6	Both	
	Sep	70.2	59.5	72.5	71.9	73.7		68.6	71.3	15+	-4.8
	Aug	70.2	58.1	72.5	72.7	73.7		68.6	71.3	15-24	-5.7
	Jul	70.2	58.1	72.9	71.1	73.5		69.4	71.3	25+	-4.8
	Jun	69.4	55.8	72.4	68.6	71.4		70.2	72.3		
	May	68.5	48.8	72.4	65.3	70.4		71.1	75.0		
	Apr	67.6	46.5	72.2	63.6	69.4		71.1	75.0	Men	
	Mar	67.6	46.5	72.2	65.0	70.4		69.4	74.0	15+	-3.7
	Feb	67.2	48.8	71.6	65.8	70.1		69.2	73.0	25+	-4.4
	Jan	67.9	53.5	71.1	67.5	70.1		68.3	72.0	Women	
2008	Dec	70.7	58.1	73.5	70.0	72.2		71.7	74.7	15+	-5.9
	Nov	72.8	60.5	75.5	72.3	74.2		73.9	76.8	25+	-4.1
	Oct	73.5	62.8	75.9	73.9	77.1		73.1	74.7		



Where the numbers come from

Every month Statistics Canada surveyors in each province and territory of Canada interview a representative sample of individuals 15 years of age and older. The surveyors ask these individuals if they were working, or were looking and available for work, during the "reference week" (usually the 3rd week of the month). Individuals are counted as employed if:

- they worked for at least 1 hour during the reference week ("work" includes self-employment).

Individuals are counted as unemployed if:

- they were without work but had looked for work in the past 4 weeks;
- they had been laid off but were not looking for work because they expected to return to their original work;
- they were not looking for work because they had a new job starting within 4 weeks.

If someone is neither employed nor unemployed they are then defined as not in the labour force and therefore not counted in the unemployment rate. However, they are still considered to be part of the working-age population.

The survey described above is called the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The Yukon has been included in the LFS since January 1992. However, the national rates for Canada do not include any of the territories.

The objectives of the LFS are to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications – employed, unemployed and not in the labour force – and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories.

The LFS is the only source of monthly estimates of total employment, including the self-employed, full- and part-time employment, and unemployment. It publishes monthly standard labour market indicators such as the unemployment rate, the employment rate and the participation rate.

In the Yukon, the LFS sample is designed to represent approximately 92% of the working-age population (Yukoners 15 years of age and older). Yukoners living in unorganized areas, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions are not represented in the sample.

As a "household-based" survey, the LFS counts individuals as part of the labour force in the province or territory their home is in. Therefore, if an individual is working outside of the Yukon, in the NWT for instance, but still has their home in the Yukon, they are counted in the Yukon's labour force.

Suppression of Data. For the Labour Force Survey in the Yukon, Statistics Canada suppresses any figure that is below 200 for confidentiality reasons, in order to ensure the confidentiality of each individual respondent to the survey. In turn, percentages (i.e. employment or unemployment rates) based on suppressed numbers will also be suppressed.

Definitions:

1. Employment

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, did any work for pay or profit, or had a job and were absent from work.

2. Employment rate

Also referred to as "employment/population ratio," it is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The employment rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

3. Goods-Producing Industries

Goods-Producing Industries (or goods sector, or goods industries): includes agriculture, other primary industries (forestry, fishing and trapping, mines, quarries and oil wells), manufacturing, construction and utilities (electric power, gas and water).

4. Labour force

The labour force is the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the survey reference week, were employed or unemployed.

5. Not in the labour force

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the reference week, were unwilling or unable to offer or supply labour services under conditions existing in their labour markets; that is, they were neither employed nor unemployed.

6. Participation rate

The participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

7. Reference Week

The reference week is the entire calendar week (from Sunday to Saturday) covered by the Labour Force Survey each month. It is usually the week containing the 15th day of the month. The interviews are conducted during the following week, called the Survey Week, and the labour force status determined is that of the reference week.

8. Seasonal adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those that are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

9. Self-employed

There are two broad categories of workers: those who work for others and those who work for themselves, namely, the self-employed. The self-employed includes working owners of incorporated businesses, working owners of unincorporated businesses and other self-employed.

10. Service-Producing Industries

Service-Producing Industries (or service sector, or service industries): includes trade, transportation and warehousing, finance, insurance, real estate and leasing, professional, scientific and technical services, management, administrative and other support, educational services, health care and social assistance, information, culture and recreation, accommodation and food services, other services, and public administration.

11. Three-Month Moving Average

All monthly figures for the Territories, whether seasonally adjusted or unadjusted, are three-month moving averages – for example, the March 2008 unemployment rate of 4.5% is actually an average of the unemployment rates for the months of January, February and March. April's unemployment rate will become the average of the rates for February, March and April.

12. Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, were available for work and were either on temporary layoff, had looked for work in the past four weeks, or had a job to start within the next four weeks.

13. Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

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